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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (New): A mohair-like pile fabric, comprising a pile formed by knitting a multi-filament for mohair-like pile fabric, said multi-filament comprising acrylic-based synthetic long fibers of single fiber fineness 3 to 30 denier, total fineness 100 to 750 denier and having twist frequency of 150 T/m or less.

Claim 17 (New): The mohair-like pile fabric according to claim 16,
wherein said multi-filament contains at least 50 wt% of fibers of flat cross-section of flat ratio 2 to 25 expressed by the ratio L/W of the length L of the long axis and the length W of the short axis of the fiber cross-section.

Claim 18 (New): The mohair-like pile fabric according to claim 16,
wherein said multi-filament is coated with an oil agent having convergence-inducing properties.

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Claim 19 (New): The mohair-like pile fabric according to claim 16,
wherein the fibers constituting the pile have essentially no crimp and whose pile length is in
the range 5 to 100 mm.

Claim 20 (New): A method of manufacturing a mohair-like pile fabric by subjecting multi-
filaments comprising acrylic-based synthetic long fibers to twisting with a twist frequency of 150
T/m or less, and producing pile fabric of pile length 5 mm to 100 mm by knitting processing of said
multi-filament.

Claim 21 (New): The method of manufacturing according to claim 20,
wherein knitting texture in the knitting processing is double stitch.

Claim 22 (New): The method of manufacturing according to claim 20,
wherein a single fiber fineness of the multi-filament is 3 to 30 denier and the total fineness
is 100 to 750 denier.

Claim 23 (New): The method of manufacturing according to claim 20,
wherein the multi-filament is coated with oily agent having convergence-inducing properties.

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Claim 24 (New): A method of manufacturing a mohair-like pile fabric,
wherein a curl shape is conferred on the fibers constituting the pile of the pile fabric
manufactured by the method according to claim 20, by further employing a hot brush and/or rotary
tumbler dryer.